LT. GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CSU SYSTEM AND THE CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION

SACRAMENTO - Lt. Governor John Garamendi issued the following statement Tuesday regarding the tentative agreement between the California State University (CSU) system and the California Faculty Association:

" Today's agreement between the CSU and the members of the California Faculty Association is a victory for students, faculty and for all Californians. For 23 months CSU professors and instructors have provided students with a top-tier education, despite working without a contract. These dedicated professionals deserve to be compensated fairly for their expertise, education, experience, and commitment to preparing future generations to succeed. This agreement is an important step in finally recognizing and valuing CSU's faculty, consistent with their peers across the nation.

" As I have said many times, Californians must continue to invest in our education system if we are to maintain our leadership role at the national and world level. We must stop filling the funding gap with ever-increasing student fees.

" California became great due to a high-quality education system that was affordable, accessible and the envy of the nation. As a CSU Trustee and a UC Regent I am committed to ensuring that our educators are appropriately compensated, that our administrators are focused on preparing for the future, and our students receive a world-class education. Equot;

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